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1. AP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON OCTOBER 21 ON PRESIDENT FORD'S POSITION ON NOMINATION OF NELSON ROCKEFELLER TO BE VICE PRESIDENT INDICATES CONGRESS IS RECONVENING ON NOVEMBER 18. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD HOUSE PLANNED TO RE-CONVENE ON 11TH. RECONVENING ON 18TH MAY GREATLY INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON DATE OF CONGRESS RE-CONVENING, AND BEST ADVICE DEPT. CAN GIVE ON HOW MANY AND WHICH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE COMING, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF STAFF ACCOMPANYING. DURING THIRD PREPCOM, STAFFDEL SAYLOR PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH LIST OF 25 CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES. REFTEL (B) INDICATES ADDITIONAL 16 ARRIVING ON SENATOR POAGE'S AIRCRAFT.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THAT SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. BUT NUMBERS CONGRESSIONAL

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VISITORS NOW EXCEED THE ESTIMATES OF SIZE OF DELEGATION

ITSELF (REFTEL (C)) WHICH MEANS MANY CONGRESSMEN ARRIVING
ROME WHO WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO CHANGE IN SPACE AVILABILITY
OR TERMS OF ACCESS TO DELS AT PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI AS
REPORTED REF (A) STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT MAKE THIS
INFORMATION AS WIDELY KNOWN AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID LATER
MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS.VOLPE

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